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SUBJECT: COMECON SECRETARY GENERAL IN FINLAND

1. EVEN BEFORE PRES. KEKKONEN RETURNED FROM SOVIET TRIP DURING WHICH HE SIGNED WITH BREZHNEV LONG-TERM FINNISH-SOVIET ECONOMIC PROGRAM, COMECON SECRETARY GENERAL NIKOLAI FADEYEV ARRIVED IN FINLAND AT INVITATION OF NEW MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. HIGH POINT OF FADEYEV VISIT WAS ADDRESS MAY 24 TO FINLAND'S MAJOR SOCIETY ACTIVE IN FOREIGN RELATIONS.

2. FADEYEV IN HIS ADDRESS LISTED MANY POSSIBILITIES FOR FINNISH COOPERATION WITH COMECON. OF BROADER INTEREST HOWEVER WERE REMARKS HE ADDRESSED TO EEC COUNTRIES AND TO WEST GENERALLY. HE REFERRED TO COMECON PROPOSAL TO EEC THAT COUNTRIES OF BOTH GROUPINGS WOULD AGREE TO RECIPROCALLY EXTEND MFN TREATMENT AND CANCEL ALL IMPORT AND EXPORT
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BANS. HE SAID "SOME CIRCLES IN WEST" MALICIOUSLY WERE TRYING TO IMPLANT FEAR THAT COMECON COOPERATION AIMED AT BLOC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND WILL HARM TRADE WHICH COMECON MEMBERS CONDUCT WITH WEST.

3. HIS REMARKS ON LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS AMONG COMECON MEMBER STATES PARTICULAR NOTEWORTHY COMING ONLY FEW

DAYS AFTER SIGNING OF FINNISH-SOVIET VERY EXTENSIVE AGREEMENT EXTENDING TO YEAR 1990. FADEYEV SAID COMECON GENERAL MEETING HAD JUST AGREED TO START PREPARING 10-15 YEAR "GOAL PROGRAMS IN SIGNIFICANT FIELDS OF INDUSTRY." HE CITED SPECIFICALLY AS AREAS TO BE COVERED FUELS AND ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, FOODSTUFFS AND CONSUMER GOODS, MACHINE BUILDING AND TRANSPORT.

4. COMMENT: FINLAND WAS FIRST NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY SIGN 5-YEAR FRAMEWORK TRADE AGREEMENT WITH USSR. IN SIGNING "15 YEAR" ECONOMIC PROGRAM WITH USSR MAY 18, FINLAND SEEMS OUT IN FRONT EVEN OF FULL COMECON MEMBERS. WHETHER FINNS WILL BE INVOLVED IN NEW COMECON LONG-TERM PROGRAMS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.
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